

REMARKS

Claims 28, 30 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Masuda et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,340,999). In response, Applicants amended independent claim 28 to clarify that the reflection-type liquid crystal display panel has a rough surface on the side facing the light guide plate, and a haze (H) defined as an index represented by a ratio of a diffusion transmission factor (T_d) and a total light ray transmission factor (T_t), with the haze being less than 50%, and respectfully traverse the rejection as it applies to the amended claim.

As amended, claim 28 now calls for a reflection-type liquid crystal display device that has a haze (H) defined by the equation $H[\%]=(T_d/T_t) \times 100$ wherein the haze is less than 50%. Support for this amendment can be found in Applicants' specification on page 26, line 16 et seq. Advantageously, when the haze is 50% or less, the brightness and contrast are such that the display is not intolerably blurred.

In contrast, Masuda is silent regarding a reflection-type liquid crystal display panel having a rough surface on a side facing the light guide plate. Masuda also fails to disclose or suggest a haze (H) defined as an index represented by a ratio of diffusion transmission factor (T_d) and a total light rate transmission factor (T_t) that is less than 50%. For these reasons, withdrawal of the §102(b) rejection of claim 28 is respectfully requested.

Claims 29 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masuda, in view of Umemoto (U.S. Patent No. 6,196,692). Since these claims are canceled, the rejection is now moot.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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